GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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COLLECTION OF TAX BY CANTONMENT BOARD SECUNDERABAD
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cantonment Board of Secunderabad has served an attachment notice to Airport Authority of India for tax dues;

(b) if so, the total tax dues owed by AAI as on date;

(c) the reasons for not collecting the taxes over the years; and

(d) the steps being taken to ensure that proper and efficient land use is done by Cantonment Board in Secunderabad? ANSWER

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. National Airport Authority of India have not cleared taxes, amounting to Rs. 6,63,61,340/- due to the Cantonment Board, Secunderabad, for the period from 1.4.1995 to 31.3.2000, in respect of their properties, located within the limits of Secunderabad Cantonment, despite a demand notice issued on 9-10-2000 under Section 91 of the Cantonments Act, calling upon them to clear the dues within a period of thirty days.

The matter got delayed because settlement of certain issues with the Airport Authority took time.

(d) The total land under management of Cantonment Board, Secunderabad, classified as 'C' is 271.258acres and is being used for roads/lanes, parks, hospitals and markets, etc. The assets are maintained to the extent possible within the given resources.